

In the Specification

Please delete paragraph 0032 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

[0032] The error status facility 116 can be considered the administrator of the conversion engine 100. Information about the processing of an account is returned to the master controller 112 by each component in the conversion engine 100. As the components communicate with the master controller 112, they send copies of the messages to the error status facility 116. The error status facility 116 extracts any [[and]] error and status information from the messages and stores the information in the conversion database 114.

Please delete paragraph 0051 in its entirety and replace with the following:

[0051] When the loading of account and hierarchy data is complete, the post-conversion processes 140 can begin. The account post-conversion ~~process~~ processor 142 deals with data that was not converted in the account conversion process 120. In the account conversion process 120, conversion is performed only for complete billing cycles of data. If conversion occurs in the middle of a billing cycle, only the unbilled call data through the most recent complete billing cycle is converted. For example, if a customer's billing cycle runs from the first day of the month through the last day of the month, and if conversion occurs on the 15th of the month, only the unbilled call data through the end of the previous month would be converted in the account conversion process 120. Unbilled call

data from the first to the 15th of the month would be handled by the account post-conversion ~~process~~ processor 142.

Please delete paragraph 0052 in its entirety and replace with the following:

[0052] The account post-conversion ~~process~~ processor 142 converts the remaining unbilled usage information in the legacy billing system 150 and loads the converted unbilled usage data into the new billing system 170. If the method call to perform a search for remaining information is unsuccessful, an error is logged with the error status facility 116 and the status of the account is changed to indicate a post-conversion failure.

Please delete paragraph 0053 in its entirety and replace with the following:

[0053] The hierarchy post-conversion ~~process~~ processor 144 shuts down the hierarchy and all its nodes in the legacy billing system 150.